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One factor contributing to the Republican successes of 1994 was the "Contract with America" under which most Republican congressional candidates signed on to a pledge of 10 things they would do if given the majority in Congress. This contract provided a clear unifying message of change for elections all around the country. It is clear that no such message exists for Democrats running this year.

Why, you ask? In part it has been difficult for their leaders to find a consensus on a plan. Roughly one-quarter of the Democrats in the House have supported several key Republican initiatives, including permanently reducing the death tax, completing the mission in Iraq, the line-item veto and the Patriot Act.

Further, the Democratic leadership is afraid to tell you where they would lead the country if they were in charge because you probably would not like it.

The 1994 contract with America contained 10 policies that were very popular with the American people but were not being delivered. Such is not the case with the agenda favored by Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi. Here is what the Democrats have to offer. I like to call this list of proposals that are out of step with the American public the Contract Against America:

1. Increase spending: During this year's budget debate, 11 of the 12 amendments to the budget offered by Democrats were to increase spending. Additionally, Democratic members of the

Appropriations Committee have offered amendments to increase spending by \$45.2 billion.

2. Increase taxes: They have proposed undoing the Bush tax cuts, which would mean raising everyone's income tax rates and increasing the death tax.

3. Amnesty and open borders: They are really quiet about this one, but there has been little support from Democrats in Congress for the various bills to control our southern border and enforce our laws.

4. Cut and run: Democratic leaders have vowed to abandon the war on terror in Iraq and Afghanistan and weaken our nation's terrorist surveillance operations program. Withdrawing without winning will only embolden the terrorists. And limiting law enforcement's ability to investigate terrorists will only leave us more vulnerable.

5. An energy policy of "no": They seem to oppose all new sources of energy even if they are renewable like hydro-electric and nuclear.

6. "Hillary Care" socialized medicine: It's back and worse than ever. A proposal supported by many high-ranking Democrats would create a single government healthcare system.

7. Impeach the president: Many who would be in the leadership of a Democrat Congress have repeatedly said that this would be on their agenda.

8. More unfunded and unfundable pensions and benefits: It seems Democrats would rather promise pensions that can't be funded rather than make sure that what is promised can be

delivered.

9. Bankrupt Social Security and Medicare: You can't raise taxes enough to cover the costs coming in the next 25 years if we don't reform the system.

10. More for trial lawyers: They would rather choose the trial lawyer over the small business owner or your doctor.

With policies like these, is it any wonder that they don't want you to see them? Higher taxes, more spending and open borders are not an attractive alternative. As a result, get used to Democratic candidates across the country running on being against the Republican majority, but not really for anything.